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Source: Hungarian Refugee (see below)

Evaluation: F-O
Subject: Italy - Bombing Target (sketch attached)
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Source is bels TAR, former chauffeur of Buron Wettstein, Hungarian Minister in Berd. Tar just returned from Budapest to Merano where he was introduced to a certain Herr Schwendt but whose real name is Fritz Mendig, in charge of all espionage activities in Italy, and his associate Hauptsturmführer Klemens. The headquarters of this outfit is at Schloss LABERS near Kerens approximately V646927 of Sheet 4 Merano, further identified on the attached sketch drawn by source. Schloss Labers has a radio station, extensive telephone installations and source happened to see by chance where cases full of brand new Italian Lire where being unpacked.

permission has was introduced to Wendig and Alemens who preposed to him that he return to Bern and get a job with the American or Drittah legation in order to secure useful information. He was also to get a pickage of dollar and pound notes a week which he was to sell on the lwiss Black harket. Tar arrived illegally in Swisserland on Earch 11, 1945, and after having told us the above story decided to give himself up to the Swiss Police who will place them in an interment camp.

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